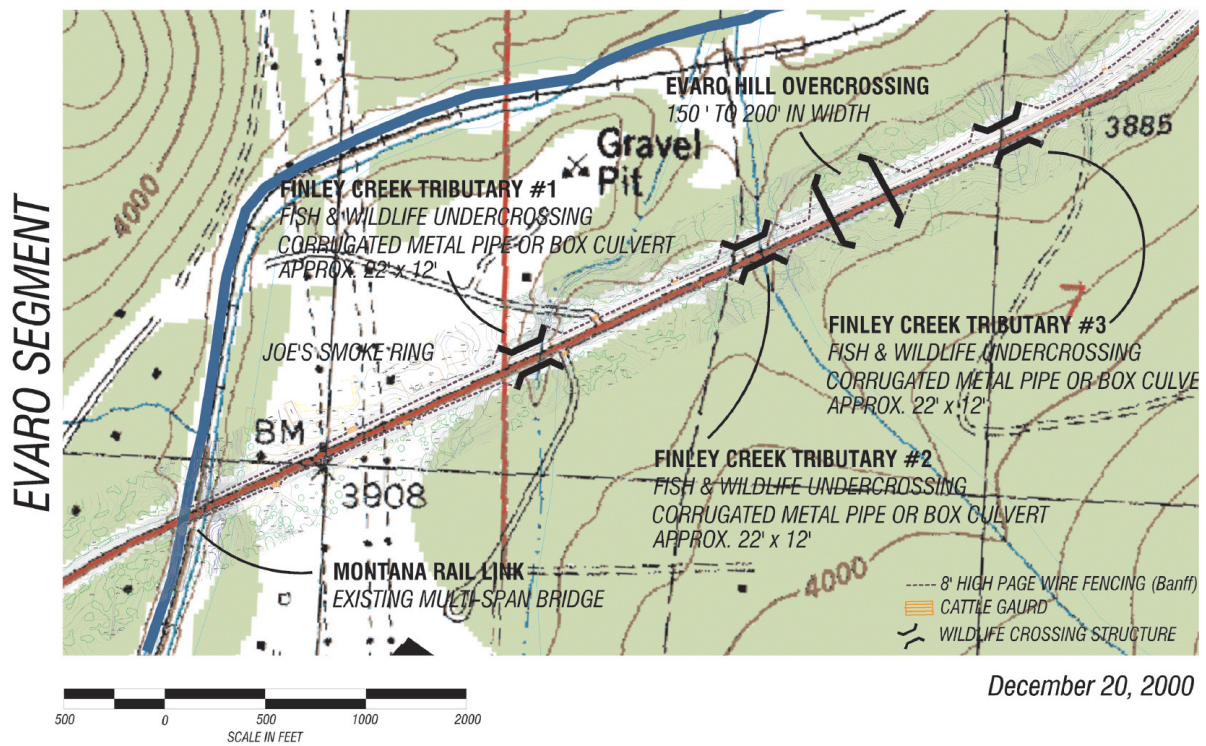


VARO HILL WILDLIFE CROSSINGS



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The Varo Hill area offers high quality habitat for a variety of species because it is undeveloped, heavily forested, and adjacent to the Finley Creek drainage area. This area represents the last opportunity for a link between the Mission Range / Bob Marshall grizzly populations to the east and the Bitterroot grizzly bear recovery zone to the west. This drawing describes the size, type and locations of recommended crossing structures.